

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: John L. Fulton et al.

Application No.: 10/783,249

Filed: 02/19/2004

Title: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR
REMOVING RESIDUES FROM
SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATES

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) Examiner: Nicole R. Blan
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION
Dated 6/01/2007

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 06/01/2007:

Applicant petitions for a 2-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) in order to timely file the response to the action, believed to be about \$225. Fees for the extension of time (37 CFR § 1.17) may be charged to client account number 02-1275.

Applicant elects Group I claims 1-45 and the species of Example 4. Old Claims 1-2, 4, 9-11, 13-15, 24-25, 28, 30, 33-39, 41, and 45 are cancelled. New Claims 50-70 are added, readable on the species of Example 4.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to begin examination of new Claims 50-70 on the merits.

Applicant retains the right to consideration of claims to additional species depending from, or otherwise requiring all the limitations of, an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR §1.141. Applicant further retains the right to prosecute any claims not so considered in a separate divisional as provided by 35 U.S.C. §121.

Should the Examiner identify any further requirements, she is invited to contact the undersigned for resolution thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James D. Matheson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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